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1. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL SVERKER ASTROM TELLS ME THE GOS HAS

ENCOURAGED THE DANISH AND NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CONFER WITH SOARES DURING THE NATO MINISTERIAL ON THE QUESTION OF HOW THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES MIGHT BEST APPROACH THE GUINEA-BISSAU RECOGNITION ISSUE WHILE DOING THE LEAST POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

2. AHSTROM SAID THAT GUINEA BISSAU, BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURES OF DOMESTIC SWEDISH PUBLIC OPINION AND INTERNAL POLITICAL PARTY RIVALRIES WAS, FOR SWEDEN A LIVE ISSUE. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE LIBERAL PARTY NORMALLY NOT INCLINED TO RADICAL POSITIONS, SUPPORTS RECOGNITION AND, THUS, SEEKS TO END-RUN THE CENTER PARTY ON THIS ISSUE.

3. REFERRING TO THE VARIOUS FORA AT WHICH RECOGNITION OF THE PRG AND OF GRUNK WAS OR MIGHT BE AT ISSUE, I ASKED AHSTROM ABOUT THE SWEDISH RATIONALE FOR ITS ABSTENTION POLICY ON VOTING, EVEN WHERE THE MOVEMENT IN QUESTION DID NOT EFFECTIVELY CONTROL TERRITORY OR OTHERWISE MEET NORMAL INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION. AHSTROM AGAIN REFERRED FRANKLY TO CONSIDERATIONS OF DOMESTIC POLITICS. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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